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MEMORANDUM

Date: August 30, 2006

To: The Governing Board Members

From: 
Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer

Subject: **Agenda Item IX: Special recognition in memory of Steve Feld, former Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority Governing Board Member, for extraordinary accomplishments.**

Background: Staff was extremely saddened to learn of the death of long-time Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority (WCCA) Governing Board member, Steve Feld. He passed away on May 7, 2006 at the age of 60, in Bolivia. Steve was a member of WCCA since its inception 1995, and was Vice Chairperson or Chairperson for several years. Steve, an environmental leader who made a difference, was a member of the Sierra Club since 1993, and was a rated leader involved with hiking, trips, and conservation (see attached article). Other affiliations include Hacienda Heights Improvement Association, Palm Springs Villas Homeowner's Association, Puente Hills Area Chamber of Commerce, Hacienda Heights Kiwanis Club, and Industry Hills Charity Pro Rodeo Committee. He was the Director of Finance of Teknor-Apex Company-Maclin Division. He is survived by his adult children, Jessica and Bryan Feld. His girlfriend was Carol Christiansen. He will be greatly missed by many.

As stated by his son on his website www.stevefeld.com:

He would give his all regardless if he knew it was an uphill battle. Even if he knew that the cause he was for, was outnumbered 99% - 1%, my father wouldn't see it that way. If he could save one more hawk, one more deer, one more bobcat, or one more snake from dying, he did his job.

Board members may wish to add any personal reminiscences about Steve Feld at the meeting.



PASSAGES

Steven Anatole Feld, 1945-2006

Steve Feld, Sierra Club leader and leader of the Puente Hills Conditioning and the Fullerton Beginner's Hikes, led with his "soul-mate" Carol Christiansen, died of a heart attack on May 7 at the age of 60. Steve was returning to his hotel in Copacabana, Bolivia, during an Angeles Chapter sponsored outing.

Feld was an environmental leader in Hacienda Heights, and was chair of the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority, dedicated to preserving the Puente Chino Hills Wildlife Corridor. He was very active in the 1992 fight to protect Puente Hills canyons from impacts from the expanding Puente Hills Landfill. He was also very active in community affairs in Hacienda Heights.

"Steve will truly be missed by all of us who worked closely with him," said Jeff Yann, Sierra Club member and founder of Amigos de los Ríos.

Feld was also active in Boy Scouts of America, served as president of Kiwanis International, past president of Greater La Puente Valley Chamber of Commerce, director at Whittier Hospital Medical Center and contributed his time to many other organizations.

"He was the kind of person who could turn a good time into a great time - Steve will be missed," said friend Martin Tatz.

Left behind are his adult children, Jessica and Bryan Feld. Bryan has set up a website: www.stevefeld.com for you to visit. Please do!

-John Lajeunesse

